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ENCLOSURES AND TYPE

REMARKS

1. The following air activity was observed at Cottbus airfield between 19 May and 8 June 1953:

25X1 19 May. There was air activity by Yak-11s and MiG-15s. The latter planes repeatedly performed loops.

25X1 20 May. MiG-15s were observed aloft while there was high-pressure weather. Two parachute jumps were made.

21 May. Yak-11s and MiG-15 and U-MiG-15 planes flew at high altitudes.

22 and 23 May. There was intensive air activity by MiG-15s which also made acrobatics at an altitude of more than 3,000 meters.

24 May. There was no air activity.

25 May. After 11 a.m., there was little air activity except for aerobatics by Yak-11s. Parachute jumps were made in the evening.

27 May. Local flights were made by MiG-15 and U-MiG-15 planes.

28 and 29 May. There was little air activity while the sky was overcast.

30 and 31 May and 1 June. No aircraft were observed aloft.

2 June. There was air activity by swept-back jet fighters in the morning and by biplanes and a twin-engine plane in the afternoon.

3 June. No air activity was observed.

4 and 6 June. Yak-11s and MiG-15 and U-MiG-15 planes were aloft.

7 and 8 June. There was no air activity.

2. In May, there was practice flying by VPL pilots with swept-back jet planes. Toward the evening of 29 May, parachute jumps were made.

3. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at the field between 1 and 8 June:

1 June. There was no air activity between 3 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. About 70 swept-back jet fighters and 2 twin-engine planes were parked in front of the hangars.

2 June. Toward the evening, parachuting was practiced by parachutists who used dark parachutes.

4 June. Swept-back jet fighters were aloft between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. No air activity was observed between 3 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. when the sky was clear.

5 June. Between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., there was air activity by three swept-back jet planes. The former two planes had a red Soviet star on

their rudder assemblies and fuselages and a green stripe in front of the star on the fuselage. Plane had no star on its rudder assembly but the upper and lower

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sections of the rudder assembly had red borders.¹

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4. [redacted] six aircraft crates at Cottbus freight station. The crates were transloaded on the Spreewald train and shipped toward the field.²

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5. [redacted] 25X1
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6. The "Ansborge" Hotel at the market place in Cottbus, which had 90 beds, was occupied by VPL personnel after 6 June. The Hotel "Zur Sonne" with 60 beds was to be closed on 15 June and then subsequently to be occupied by VPL.³

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1. [redacted] Comment. Air activity by VPL continued at Cottbus airfield on the previous pattern. Aircraft [redacted] is reported for the first time from East Germany. [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comment. The arrival of these aircraft crates has not been confirmed [redacted]

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3. [redacted] Comment. The confiscation of the two hotels possibly is connected with the transfer of the VPL operations staff from Berlin-Johannisthal to Cottbus.

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